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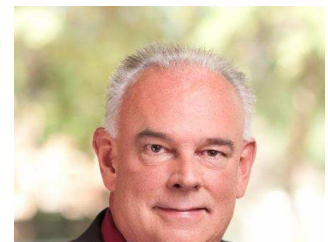
SOUND-OFF QUESTION.

Here's another sampling of the Arizona Republic's "sound-off" which runs in Saturday's Glendale community section asking West Valley elected officials to weigh in on that week's question. This one ran back in April of 2014 but is

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER SHERWOOD.

Greetings Sahuaro Residents,

Here's another blog post from national economists, Dr. Elliot Eisenberg. This is from last Monday (15th). FOMC is the Federal Open Market Committee, a committee within the



appropriate in lieu of recent activities by the majority of council:

Does the economic impact of sports tourism in the West Valley justify the investment (in terms of cost)? Why or why not?

I think it does as long as you can spur development around it and develop it as an entertainment hub or other commercial endeavor. The region doesn't have a lot of corporate headquarters or major tourist attractions, Major sporting events such as the Super Bowl, college football playoffs, Cactus League Games, pro football & hockey, NASCAR, and many youth and amateur events that are annually hosted are very beneficial to our economy and attract fans from across the country and world. These sports venues and events bring economic development benefits that normally wouldn't be afforded bedroom communities because there is vitality in the area. You have to have the build out around the venues though to realize the sports payback.

NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM WITH GLENDALE POLICE.

Join Councilmember Sherwood and GPD in a conversation about public safety

and the services provided to your communities. Ask questions and get answers from Glendale's finest.

When: Thursday, June 25th, 5:30-7pm

Where: Thunderbird School of Management,

Tower Conference Room, 15249 North 59th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85306

Bring your questions and Councilmember Sherwood will see

charged under United States law with overseeing the nation's open market operations. It is this Federal Reserve committee which makes key decisions about interest rates and the growth of the United States money supply.



Frank Fed

At today's news conference following a meeting of the interest rate setting FOMC, Chairwoman Yellen was clear about three things. Rates will start rising later this year (my bet remains 9/17/15), rates will rise by one percentage point every 12 months for the next three years, which is unusually slow, just half as fast as in past rate-rising cycles, and sustained GDP growth above 2.5%/year is not expected soon.

Concert Ticket Winners - Congratulations to Chris Flippen & Michael Hernandez, Sahuaro residents who each won a pair of tickets to the June 13th Aerosmith concert in the Glendale suite. Watch for announcements on how to score tickets for the Sam Smith concert on August 12th and the Taylor Swift concert on August 17th.

Transit - Last Tuesday (16th) I participated in "Dump the Pump" day at our Park & Ride Facility on the west side of the 101 and Glendale Avenue. Dump the Pump Day is a national movement to take action to reduce fuel consumption and support public transportation. Riding transit saves money, allows for more productivity and reduces the stress of driving. Valley Metro staff as well as staff from Glendale's transportation department participated. There are seven BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)



routes that current originate from Arrowhead Mall, three travel the I-17 corridor (making just one stop) and four travel the 101 (making just two stops), they depart between 6:00a and 7:30a Monday thru Friday and end up downtown Phoenix. They make the return trip in the afternoon.

Light Rail - As I mentioned in my April 24th newsletter here, the alignment for exactly where light rail enters Glendale will be voted on early in 2016 by the councils of Phoenix and Glendale, even though construction doesn't begin until 2022. A community working group was formed thru an application process which resulted in all 49 applicants joining the High Capacity Transit Community Working Group whose first meeting will be this Wednesday, June 24th. They will continue meeting periodically thru October. Additionally, Valley Metro has been conducting public informational meetings for the past two years, most recently on June 3rd & 4th.



ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

The Glendale City Council has expressed specific interest in hearing feedback from Glendale residents. An ordinance, if adopted, would protect the rights of Glendale citizens and visitors from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.

The schedule for the public meetings are:

- **Saturday, July 25** (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Glendale, AZ 85308. Sign in begins at 9:30 a.m.
- **Thursday, July 30** (6 - 8 p.m.) Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, 9495 W. Coyotes Blvd. Glendale, AZ 85305. Sign in begins at 5:30 p.m.

If you cannot attend any of the meetings but would like to offer input, you can leave comments on a recorded phone line at 623-930-2255 or email GlendaleFeedback@glendaleaz.com. Please know that all written and spoken comments will become part of the official record of public input for this process. For more information, please contact the Glendale City Manager's Office at 623-930-2870.

Habitat for Humanity of Central Arizona

June 27, 9 a.m.: Habitat for Humanity of Central Arizona will host a dedication event for the Cedillo family that will take place Saturday

At the same time, council needs to be educated about this subject. To date there have been a few updates in council workshops by Valley Metro staff but last Monday (15th) a nearly



all day field trip to Mesa which had been planned occurred. Unfortunately, only Councilmember Turner and I attended from the policy side. Fifteen members from Glendale staff, eight members from Mesa staff as well as the Mayor and Vice Mayor,

and eight staff members from Valley Metro traveled to Mesa to hear about their three mile extension which goes thru the center of their downtown and is scheduled to open seven months ahead of time on August 22nd. We heard first hand their experiences to date from the planning, community engagement, construction, and economic development opportunities. The Mesa Chamber hosted a lunch where five effected businesses along Main Street as well as the Downtown Mesa Association shared their thoughts about the process that has taken nearly three years to complete.

National League of Cities Transportation Steering

Committee - I attended a two and a half day meeting in Salt Lake City the week before last (6-10) for policy discussions on transportation infrastructure which affects our state and city. There are two representatives from Arizona on this committee, the other from Goodyear. We spent one-half of a day on a mobile workshop of the Sugarhouse Redevelopment Tour and Streetcar Coalition, showing some great examples of what light rail and streetcars have done to reinvigorate a part of SLC that was in dire need of redevelopment.

The rest of the time was spent in committee discussing ways to invigorate Congress to pass a long-term sustainable national transportation plan. At the end of May, Congress extended (again) Highway and Transportation Funding Act, now thru the end of July.

The lack of sufficient federal transportation revenues and continued uncertainty in funding prevent local governments from making the necessary investments and maintenance necessary to sustain a world-class infrastructure system, which includes a connected multimodal transportation network, to move people and goods. Cities and towns are the economic engines of our national economy and own and operate 78% of the nation's road miles, 50% of the nation's bridges and operate the majority of the nation's transit systems.

Yet, the largest share of growth of transportation investment has come from state and local sources. Citizens are choosing to tax and toll themselves to support new transit and road initiatives as evidenced of 73% of transportation ballot initiatives adopted in 2013 in difficult financial times. Locally, Glendale taxpayers pay a county sales tax of .5% (which expires in 2025) and a city sales tax of .5% which goes into perpetuity.



June 27th at 6746 N. 54th Dr. The project has been funded with federal funds administered by the City and the contact person for any additional information on Habitat related build activities is Charyn Eirich-Palmisano 930-3682.

Councilmember Gary Sherwood

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- **Free Summer Band Concerts Bring Music to Downtown Glendale Summer Evenings.**

The West Valley's favorite summer tradition takes place **each Thursday at 8 p.m. and runs through July 23**, in the Murphy

Park Amphitheater, located at 58th and Glenn Dr. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its inspiring renditions of marches, polkas, movie medleys and other tunes from all over the world.

- **6th Annual Foothills Family Swim Party** - Come and enjoy an evening for families at our mini-waterpark at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center on **Saturday, June 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** A DJ will play music while guests swim, eat, and play games. The entry fee for residents is \$4 per person and \$6 for non-residents. The fee also includes a hot dog and lemonade. Minors must be accompanied by parents or guardians. The event will be open to the first 400 paid participants.
- **Glendale Splash Pads.** Cool off and have fun for FREE at one of Glendale's two splash pads! The location and hours of the two splash pads are:
Heroes Park Splash Pad - 83rd Ave. & Berridge Ln. (on 83rd Ave., just north of Bethany Home Rd.).
 ***May 23 - August 9: open daily from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
 ***August 15 - September 7: open weekends only from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sycamore Grove Park Splash Pad - 86th Lane and Emil Rovey Parkway.
 ***May 25 - September 7; open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- **Fireworks at Westgate.** What could be better than a hometown firework display for July 4? How about adding live music stages (Fountain Park and Events Plaza), a beer garden (Events Plaza) and more! The event will take place on **Saturday, July 4 from 5-9:30 p.m.** at the Westgate Entertainment District located at 6751 North Sunset Boulevard. For more information, visit Westgateaz.com.



GLENDALÉ PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Glendale Police Promote A Summer Of Safety.** In an effort to keep our children safe this summer, the Glendale Police Department would like to inform parents and



children about city ordinances that outline curfew for those under the age of 18. Juveniles under the age of 16 have a curfew of 10:00pm-5:00am. Those 16 and older have a curfew of 12:00am-5:00am. It is also a violation for a parent or guardian to allow a juvenile to violate the curfews that are in place.

- **Glendale Police Department Joins the Conversation on Nextdoor, the Private Social Network for Neighborhoods.** With Nextdoor, Glendale residents can create private neighborhood websites to share information, including neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities, local services, and even lost pets. The police department will be able to post information, such as important news, services, programs, free events, and emergency notifications to Nextdoor websites within the city.
- **Coffee with a Cop Events.** Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554
Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.

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